

REMARKS

The present amendment amends claim 10 to provide its proper dependency. Claims 1-9 continue unamended.

ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's requirement for election set forth in the Office Action dated February 11, 2009. The Examiner requested that an election be made between species 1, Fig. 1, and species 2, Fig. 3.

Applicant elects, with traverse, Species 1, Fig. 1, for further prosecution on merits. Claims 1-7, 9 and 10 read on the elected species 1, Fig. 1.

TRAVERSE

The Examiner's requirement for election between species 1, Fig. 1, and species 2, Fig. 3, is respectfully traversed.

The object of the present invention is to enable a simple cleaning of the filter surface in which the least possible additional installation space is required and which is also suitable for dust suction devices with one individual filter element. The present invention is applicable, but not limited to dust suction devices with one individual filter element.

The main idea of the present invention is using an adjustable dividing wall (slide element) that separates a vacuum area from an overpressure area in a clean air chamber. It has no importance for the main idea of the present invention if the clean air chamber has only one filter element or more than one filter element.

The second species according to Fig. 3 relates to a dust suction device with four identical filter elements 14. The antechamber 44 and the inner chambers of the filter elements 14 form a common clean air chamber 20, the filter elements 14 are connected via connection lines 42 with respect to the antechamber 44 [p.10, sec. 3]. The slide element 28 is rotatable arranged in the clean air chamber 20 and divides an overpressure area 38 inside the slide element 28 from a vacuum area 40 occurring in the rest of the antechamber 44 [p. 11, sec. 3-p. 12, sec. 1].

The slide element 28 covers one of the connection points 46 of the connecting lines 42 to the ante-chamber 44 so that the covered connecting line 42 is acted upon by the blowing air flow B acting as cleaning flow coming from the blower device 6 [p. 11, sec. 1]. The remaining three filter elements 14 are connected to the rest of the antechamber 44 that communicates with the blower device 6 via the intake opening 21 and the suction line 22 [p. 11, sec. 2]. By swiveling the slide element 28 each of the filter elements 14 and each part of the filter elements 14 are acted upon by the blowing air flow B acting as cleaning flow [p. 12, sec. 1].

As it follows from the description of the second species, it is based on the same invention concept as the first species according to Fig. 1. Search for the prior art will clearly be co-extensive.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for election be withdrawn, and an early action on merits be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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